

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1141 - SB 1881

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for the Class B misdemeanor offense of mailbox tampering from 25 to 30 hours of community service work. Increases from \$1,000 to \$1,200 the maximum daily amount a court can pay for room and board for jurors.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$103,200 /State Prosecution Fund

Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- During FY06, the Department of Correction (DOC) reimbursed local governments \$258,000 for room and board of jurors based on a maximum of \$500 per day. The maximum daily amount was increased effective July 1, 2006, to \$1,000. DOC estimates increasing the maximum daily amount to \$1,200 will result in an increase to the Department of \$103,200 ($\$258,000 / \$500 = 516 \times \$200 = \$103,200$).
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, juries are rarely sequestered and the expenditures are primarily from meals. It is estimated that the local governments will not require reimbursement for the maximum amount of \$1,200 per day.
- A not significant decrease in local government expenditures as a result of an increase in the maximum reimbursement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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